

**Handout**

# Say, Mean, Matter: Excerpt from Crusade for Justice

**Directions:** After reading the handout, Excerpt from Crusade for Justice, complete the Say, Mean, Matter grid below. In the first column (Say), write a short quotation from the text or read the quote provided. In the middle column (Mean), rewrite the quotation in your own words. In the third column (Matter), reflect on why the quote matters by considering what it reveals about what it took for Wells to confront racial injustice.

| <p><b>Say</b></p> <p>Write a quotation from the text, or read the quotation that is provided.</p>  | <p><b>Mean</b></p> <p>Rewrite the quotation in your own words. What does this quotation mean? What makes you say that?</p> | <p><b>Matter</b></p> <p>Why is the quotation important or significant? What does it reveal about what it takes to stand up to racial injustice?</p> |
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| <p>I felt that one had better die fighting against injustice than to die like a dog or a rat in a trap.</p>  |  |   |
| <p>My friends declared that the trains and my home were being watched by white men who promised to kill me on sight. They also told me that colored men were organized to protect me if I should return.</p> |  |   |
| <p>Choose a quote from the text</p>  |  |   |
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